

EXHIBIT “C-3”

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MR. CALLE: Yes.

THE COURT: Thanks. Watch your step.

THE WITNESS: Yeah.

(Witness excused.)

MR. FITZPATRICK: Jim Crimi.

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J A M E S C R I M I , called as a
witness on behalf of the People of the State of New York,
having been duly sworn, was examined and testified, under
oath, as follows:

THE COURT: Now, I want you to keep your
voice up nice and loud, okay? You can't answer
by saying mm-hmm; you have to say yes or no. And
if you don't understand the question, ask him to
repeat it. All right?

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2 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

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4 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. FITZPATRICK:

5 Q Jim, good morning. Tell us your full name,
6 please.

7 A My full name is James Crimi.

8 Q And, Jim, are you married or single?

9 A I'm single.

10 Q How old are you?

11 A Twenty-eight years old.

12 Q Where do you live?

13 A I live in the Village of Eastwood, Syracuse.

14 Q And how long have you lived in the Syracuse area?

15 A All my life.

16 Q And are you working now?

17 A Yes, I am.

18 Q What do you do?

19 A I'm an apprentice for an optician. I work for
20 Empire Vision Centers.

21 Q Is that some type of program where you will
22 eventually be an optician?

23 A Yes, it is.

24 Q How long does that take?

25 A Two to four years.

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2 Q And how long have you been doing that?

3 A Two years.

4 Q Would you tell me, Jim, if you were working back
5 in March of '87?

6 A Yes, I was.

7 Q What were you doing back then?

8 A Back then I was working for a company called
9 O.M. Edwards in Syracuse.

10 Q What did you do for them?

11 A I was an electrical assembler.

12 Q And do you remember what days you worked, what
13 hours you worked?

14 A Yes. I worked basically Monday through Friday.

15 Q Nine to five?

16 A (No verbal response.)

17 Q Thereabouts?

18 A Seven to three.

19 Q Seven to three. Okay. Back in March of '87, Jim,
20 I want to ask where were you living back then?

21 A I was living in -- on Forest Hill Drive.

22 Q And that's here in the City of Syracuse, is it?

23 A Yes, it is.

24 Q Were you dating anybody back then in March of '87?

25 A Yes, I was.

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2 Q Who was that?

3 A I was dating Susan Stonecipher.

4 Q Where did she live?

5 A She lived right around the corner on Hickok
6 Avenue.

7 Q That was at 250 Hickok Ave.?

8 A Yes, it was 250 Hickok.

9 Q And how long had you been going with Susan back
10 in March of '87?

11 A I've been with Susan about five years.

12 Q And did you know her downstairs neighbor,
13 Valerie Hill?

14 A Yes, I did.

15 Q How did you know Valerie?

16 A Well, I visited Susan -- friendly -- and I had a
17 relationship, so I became aware of the neighbor downstairs
18 from spending time with Susan and her family at her house.

19 Q Say hi to you once in a while?

20 A Of course.

21 Q Once in a while?

22 A Like that, of course.

23 Q Did you know Valerie Hill's -- strike that.

24 Did you know a person by the name of Hector
25 Rivas, that she had been dating?

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2 A Yes, I did.

3 Q And how did you know Mr. Rivas?

4 A Well, I knew Valerie had a boy friend, and I had
5 seen him at the residence.

6 Q Had you, on occasion, greeted him and said hello
7 to him?

8 A Very occasionally.

9 Q And is this him here in the courtroom this
10 morning?

11 A Yes, it is.

12 Q And is he sitting at the table over here with
13 the pad in his hand there?

14 A Yes, it is.

15 Q All right, Jim. Now, how many times had you seen
16 Hector Rivas prior to March of '87?

17 A Oh, several times, dozens of times.

18 Q All right. And did you know what type of vehicle
19 he drove?

20 A Yes, I did.

21 Q Did you become aware, Jim, on March 30th -- and
22 I've got a calendar here in front of me. Can you see that
23 from where you are?

24 A Yes, I can.

25 Q Did you become aware on March 30th, 1987, a

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2 Monday, that Miss Hill had been found dead?

3 A Yes. I remember that.

4 Q How did you become aware of that?

5 A I was at work that day. I heard over the radio.

6 Q What did you do when you learned that?

7 A I immediately dropped what I was doing and left
8 work in a panic.

9 Q And went where?

10 A Directly to Susan's house.

11 Q Were you concerned about her?

12 A Absolutely.

13 Q All right. Now, did you and have you -- or,
14 strike that.

15 Have you a recollection of that weekend, the
16 Sunday, the 29th, Saturday the 28th, and Friday the 27th?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And I want to draw your attention to Friday,
19 March the 27th of 1987, and ask if you recall that day.

20 A Yes, I do recall.

21 Q Did you, Jim, did you see Susan Stonecipher on
22 that date?

23 A Yes, I did.

24 Q When did you first see her that day?

25 A Uh -- evening -- well, the first time -- yeah,

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2 evening, I saw her when I picked her up from work.

3 Q You picked her up from her place of employment?

4 A Yes, I did.

5 Q Where did she work back then?

6 A At the time she worked at Nikki's Restaurant
7 downtown.

8 Q I see. You picked her up after she got off work
9 Friday night?

10 A Yes, I did.

11 Q Do you remember what time it was?

12 A I picked her up that evening about 8:00.

13 Q And do you remember what you did at 8:00 after you
14 picked her up?

15 A Yes. We kind of cruised around. It was a Friday
16 evening.

17 Q You were driving?

18 A Yes, I was.

19 Q Did she have a car back then?

20 A I think it was in the shop or something at the
21 time. She did own a car. I picked her up on that specific
22 date.

23 Q Would you regularly pick her up?

24 A Yes, regularly.

25 Q And what kind of car did you have?

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2 A Um -- I was driving a 1947 Chevy, which is a --

3 Q Custom car?

4 A -- antique auto that I restored, and I show it.

5 Q All right. And I don't mean to be disrespectful,
6 but did you drink at the time on that Friday?

7 A Oh, absolutely not. I don't drink, and I --

8 Q You don't drink?

9 A No. Absolutely not.

10 Q Now, after you picked up Susan and you cruised
11 around, did there come a time when you took her home?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And were you living with her on Hickok Ave. back
14 then?

15 A No, I wasn't living with her.

16 Q You had your own separate residence?

17 A Yeah. I was right around the corner, I lived.

18 Q And did you drop her off Friday night?

19 A Yes, I did.

20 Q And about what time did you drop her off, as best
21 you recall?

22 A It was after 11:00, 11 or 12.

23 Q Somewhere in that neighborhood?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And you're -- in any event, you're certain it was

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2 some time during the evening hours?

3 A Absolutely.

4 Q It was before midnight?

5 A Absolutely.

6 Q All right. When you dropped her off, did you see
7 anyone?

8 A Yes, I did.

9 Q Who did you see?

10 A I saw Valerie Hill's boy friend's car in front of
11 the house, next door to Susan's. It was kind of hanging out
12 there.

13 Q How did you know it was Valerie's boy friend's
14 car?

15 A Well, because I know the car. I spend a lot of
16 time working on cars. I know cars very well. I noticed it
17 was his vehicle, as I pulled up -- I pulled up facing his
18 vehicle, and my headlights were on. Susan noticed, I
19 noticed, we both looked, and, uh -- thought it was kind of
20 different to see him just kind of sitting there.

21 Q Did you see someone in the car?

22 A Oh, yes, there was someone sitting in the car.

23 Q Who did you see in the car?

24 A It was Hector sitting in the car, smoking a
25 cigarette.

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2 Q All right. Did you have any conversation with
3 him?

4 A No.

5 Q Did you acknowledge him in any way, with a wave
6 or a gesture?

7 A No, I did not.

8 Q And do you know if the car was running or not?

9 A Uh -- no, I don't know if the car was running or
10 not, but I do know that the parking lights were on in the
11 car -- on the car.

12 Q And do you remember the license plate of that
13 car?

14 A Yes, I do. The license plate read 1-RIVAS, or
15 RIVAS-1.

16 Q So it was a custom plate?

17 A Yes, it was a personalized plate, nice car.

18 Q All right, Jim. Thanks very much. Mr. Calle,
19 who's the defense attorney, may have some questions for you.

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21 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. CALLE:

22 Q Good morning to you.

23 A Good morning.

24 Q Is it Crimi, Mr. Crimi?

25 A Yes, it is.

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2 Q Mr. Crimi, do you recall what time you arrived at
3 250 Hickok that evening of the 27th, March 1987?

4 A Uh -- yeah, I recall it was after 11:00.

5 Q Could it have been 11:00?

6 A Sure.

7 Q Do you recall where you parked your vehicle?

8 A Yes, I do.

9 Q When you parked your vehicle that time?

10 A Yes, I do recall.

11 Q Where was it?

12 A I parked the vehicle opposite side of Susan's
13 residence.

14 Q So on the street?

15 A Yes.

16 Q By the way, any street lamps on that street in
17 front of the house, 250?

18 A I believe there is one.

19 Q Where is that located, in relation to where
20 Mr. Rivas' van was allegedly parked?

21 MR. FITZPATRICK: Excuse me, your Honor.

22 He did not testify as to a van being parked there.

23 THE COURT: What vehicle did you see?

24 THE WITNESS: It was a Riviera car, two
25 door, light color.

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2 MR. CALLE: Honest mistake, Mr. Fitzpatrick.

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4 Q So where was this street lighting in relation to
5 the vehicle?

6 A Jeez, probably three or four car lengths before
7 the vehicle, maybe a street lamp after the vehicle, as well.

8 Q You don't know?

9 A Not clearly, no, I don't.

10 Q Were the interior lights on in the vehicle?

11 A No, they were not.

12 Q Did you enter the Stonecipher residence that
13 evening?

14 A No, I did not enter.

15 Q Did you have occasion to see if Mr. Stonecipher's
16 vehicle was parked in the driveway in front of his garage?

17 A I don't recall.

18 Q Do you recall if Miss Hill's vehicle was parked
19 in front of her garage?

20 A No. My attention wasn't drawn to the driveway at
21 that time.

22 Q So you can't recall?

23 A I do not recall.

24 Q So you left Susan Stonecipher at the front porch?

25 A Well, of course I waited until she entered the

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2 house and then I proceeded on my way.

3 Q How long were you there?

4 A Oh, probably sat in the car for a very brief
5 moment, a couple minutes, maybe three or four minutes.

6 Q Did you have occasion to notice if there were any
7 lights on in the 248 residence of Hickok?

8 A No, I don't -- I don't recall if there was or
9 was not.

10 Q You can't recall any of the lighting over there?

11 A No, I don't.

12 Q Do you recall hearing anything coming from inside
13 the apartment?

14 A No.

15 Q Do you have knowledge as to that night in
16 question, whether Susan Stonecipher arrived home before her
17 parents that evening?

18 A I believe that evening she arrived after her
19 parents.

20 Q Do you have any time estimate on that?

21 A Not exactly. Again, I would say it was in the
22 11 p.m., 12:00 area. It was light. She had worked all day
23 and --

24 Q Do you know if her mother was up when she got
25 home?

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2 A No, probably not.

3 Q Well, I asked you if you know.

4 A No, I do not know.

5 Q Nothing further. Thank you, Mr. Crimi.

6 THE COURT: Anything, Mr. Fitzpatrick?

7 MR. FITZPATRICK: No. Thank you, Jim.

8 THE COURT: Thanks very much. Watch your
9 step, Jim. Good luck to you in your business.

10 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

11 (Witness excused.)

12 THE COURT: We're going to take a recess.

13 Don't form any opinions, discuss the case amongst
14 yourselves, look at any media articles about it.

15 Fifteen minutes.

16 COURT ATTENDANT: Right this way, please.

17 (Proceedings stand in recess.)

18 (Court and counsel are present. Proceedings
19 resumed at this time.)

20 THE COURT: Would the record reflect that
21 we're back in session with defense counsel, the
22 attorneys, the defendant. Outside the presence of
23 the jury.

24 Mr. Fitzpatrick is prepared to mark an
25 exhibit, what will be labeled People's Exhibit 27,